THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) CPWD has structural engineers for designing of buildings. It has been following relevant earthquake resistant codal provisions while designing and constructing its buildings.

NDMC has informed that they do not have structural engineers with expertise to enforce earthquake resistance norms for high rise buildings. However, in case of high rise buildings in NDMC area, assistance of IIT is taken for surveying the buildings from earthquake angle and to furnish their expert advise and to suggest remedial measures.

MCD has stated that though no post is designated as Structural Engineer, their Civil Engineers have the expertise to enforce the earthquake resistance norms for high rise buildings in the MCD area.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal.

Funds under IDSMT programme to Arunachal Pradesh

140. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by Government to the State of Arunachal Pradesh for development of small and medium towns under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme during the last three years; and

(b) by details of amount spent, so far, on the development of small and medium towns in Arunachal Pradesh during this period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Funds allocated to the State of Arunachal Pradesh for development of small and medium Towns

under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme during the last three years is as under:
(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Central Assistance released
1998-99	4.00
1999-2000	33.00
2000-2001	Nil

(b) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has reported an expenditure of Rs. 3.52 lakhs during the year 2000-2001.

No expenditure has been reported during 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

News-Item "Anti-Poverty Schemes Run Down the Drains with Funds"

141. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Anti-Poverty Schemes run down the drains with funds" published in the Hindustan Times, dated 18th June, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have since identified the reasons for the huge funds sanctioned for poverty alleviation programmes not reaching their destination;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.